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The Decision in appeal no. 1997-3506 (Serial No. 08/390,474) filed in the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 9/24/07 is now in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the Decision in the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. The other articles on the IDS are crossed out to avoid the articles being considered twice because the other articles cited on the IDS were already considered. See document labeled List of references cited by applicant and considered by examiner mailed on 3/11/08.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Whiteman whose telephone number 571-272-0764. The examiner can normally be reached on from 6:30 to 4:00 (Eastern Standard Time). The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor James Douglas Schultz can be reached on 571-272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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